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# **Final Fiscal Note**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0774 **Date:** July 22, 2021 **Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Fenberg; Holbert Bill Status: Deemed Lost Rep. Esgar; McKean Fiscal Analyst: Josh Abram | 303-866-3561 Josh.Abram@state.co.us **Bill Topic:** ADJUST REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PROCEDURES Summary of □ TABOR Refund ☐ State Revenue **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government □ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill makes several process changes to allow nonpartisan staff of the state redistricting commissions to continue meeting legal deadlines while federal census data is delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It increases state workload in FY 2021-22 only. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. Summary: The fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. This bill was not enacted into law; **Fiscal Note** Status: therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect...

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill makes several changes to the state legislative and congressional redistricting process, for 2021 redistricting only, to adjust for delays in receiving final census data, as outlined below.

**Redistricting plans.** The bill allows nonpartisan staff to use preliminary summary datasets to prepare preliminary redistricting plans, in place of the final 2020 federal decennial census data. All subsequent staff plans submitted to the redistricting commissions or considered by the state Supreme Court must use the final census data, with required adjustments for prison populations.

**Prison population data.** Current law requires that, for redistricting purposes, the prison population be counted at their residential home address rather than the prison facility where they are incarcerated. This bill requires that nonpartisan staff adjust the final census data, as soon as practicable but no later than ten days following its receipt, to account for the home address of persons who are incarcerated.

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### **State Expenditures**

To make required adjustments to the final census data within a short deadline, the redistricting commissions will have increased workload to implement the bill. No additional appropriations are required.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill was deemed lost in the House on June 8, 2021.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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